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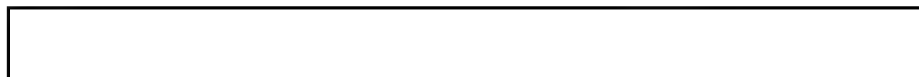


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CYPRUS: THE BASIC DIFFICULTIES BETWEEN ATHENS AND PRESIDENT MAKARIOS REMAIN UNRESOLVED DESPITE SOME MOVEMENT ON THE CZECHOSLOVAK ARMS ISSUE.

MAKARIOS AND UN OFFICIALS ON CYPRUS HAVE WORKED OUT AN ARRANGEMENT THAT APPARENTLY PROVIDES FOR PERIODIC INSPECTION OF THE ARMS BY UN FORCES BUT LEAVES THEM IN MAKARIOS' CUSTODY.

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ANKARA HAS BEEN INSISTING ON A COMPLETE AND IMMEDIATE TURNOVER OF THE ARMS TO THE UN. THE GREEK REPRESENTATIVE AT THE UN HAS EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE PLAN, BUT THERE HAS BEEN NO OFFICIAL COMMENT FROM ATHENS.

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MAKARIOS' DELAYING TACTICS HAVE GAINED HIM VALUABLE TIME FOR STRENGTHENING HIS DOMESTIC POSITION AND FOR DIVIDING HIS OPPONENTS. IT SEEMS UNLIKELY, HOWEVER, THAT THE ARMS ARRANGEMENT WILL SATISFY ANKARA, AND THE GREEKS NOW MAY CONSIDER SOME OTHER TACTICS TO GET MAKARIOS TO SUBMIT TO THEIR DEMANDS. THE US EMBASSY IN ATHENS BELIEVES THAT, BECAUSE OF TURKISH PRESSURE AND THE GREEKS' FEELING THAT THEY MUST PRODUCE CONCRETE RESULTS, ATHENS WILL PERSIST IN ITS DEMANDS ON MAKARIOS AND THAT AN ULTIMATE GREEK RESORT TO FORCE, POSSIBLY IN CONCERT WITH TURKEY, CANNOT BE RULED OUT.

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